

UNITED EFFORT FOR STATE BUILDING IS PLAN

Bill Will Be Introduced in Next Legislature Providing for a State Bureau of Immigration Consisting of Seven Members.

The Arizona Development Board has drafted a bill for a State Bureau of Immigration. The bill was approved at the meeting of the Development Board held in November. Delegates from all over Arizona endorsed the plan and the movement has already received the support of organizations and officials.

This bill in no way interferes with the present laws providing for County Immigration Commissioners.

The Arizona Development Board, an organization representing all the commercial bodies of the new State, believes that much can be done toward the upbuilding of our commonwealth and the advancing of the prosperity of all sections by the early institution of a State Bureau of Immigration.

The Arizona Development Board has therefore made a study of the Immigration Boards of New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington and Colorado, and as a result, has drafted a bill, a copy of which is as follows:

IMMIGRATION Chapter I.

1. There is hereby established a State Board of Commissioners, which shall be known as the Bureau of Immigration and Publicity.

2. Said Bureau shall consist of seven members; the Governor shall be a member ex-officio and the other six members shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the appointed members, no two shall be residents of the same county and not more than three shall be members of the same political party. They shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. In case of any vacancy occurring among such commissioners by death, resignation or other causes, the Governor shall fill the same by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. The members shall serve without compensation, though they may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board.

3. The duties of such commissioners shall be to prepare and disseminate accurate information as to soil, climate, minerals, resources, productions and business of Arizona, with special reference to its opportunities for development, and the inducements and advantages which it presents to desirable immigration and for the investment of capital. They shall publish and distribute such pamphlets and documents and do such advertising and publicity work as, in their opinion shall tend to increase desirable immigration and promote the development of the resources of the State of Arizona.

4. The Commissioners shall employ a competent person, not a member of the Board, as Secretary, who shall have charge of the office of the Bureau of Immigration, which shall be maintained in the Capitol Building in such room or rooms as the Governor may designate, and shall perform such other duties as the Board may direct. He shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Board and shall receive a salary of (\$2,500) Two thousand five hundred dollars per year. The necessary expenses incurred in maintaining the office and carrying on the work of the Bureau shall be audited, allowed and paid by the authorized officer, officers or members of said Board. The Board may establish auxiliary offices in any of the towns or cities of the State for the better dissemination of information, in connection with the boards of trade or similar organizations in said towns and cities. No expenses of such auxiliary offices shall be paid by the Bureau of Immigration, or allowed against the State. The Board may expend not more than Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars each year for exhibits outside the State, but shall expend no money for exhibits of any kind whatsoever within the State.

5. State, county and city officials shall upon request be required to supply the Bureau with copies of all reports issued by their offices. Regular meetings of said Board shall be held at the office of the Bureau on the second Monday in April and October of each year, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M. The chairman of the Board may call meetings at other times and places when it shall be deemed necessary.

6. Said Board is likewise authorized to accept any contributions which may be received from any source other than the State, for the furtherance of its work, and to apply same to the carrying out of the objects herein stated.

7. Until otherwise provided by law the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars is hereby annually appropriated for the payment of the expenses and operations of the Bureau of Immigration and statistics including the salary of its secretary, and the actual necessary expenses of maintaining his office, such sums as may

be expended in making exhibits outside of the State, not exceeding the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, and such other expenses as may be authorized by this Act. Every voucher for the expenditures of money under the provisions of this Chapter must be signed by the Chairman of the Commission and attested by the Secretary, and must set forth the purposes for which the money is used, and the State auditor upon presentation of any such voucher, shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the payment of same, and the State Treasurer shall pay such warrant out of any money on hand appropriated for the purposes herein set forth. No expenditure shall be made or indebtedness contracted in any one year in excess of the amount appropriated for said year; provided, however, that any money remaining unexpended on the 30th day of January of each year out of any appropriation for said year shall be added to the appropriation for the following year to be expended during the last year as herein provided.

HARMON ENDORSED FOR PRESIDENT BY COMMITTEE

Accord Brilliant Democratic Leadership a Record of Administrative and Legislative Accomplishment Rarely Equaled in History of United States.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 6.—The

Democratic Central Committee of Hamilton County, Ohio, of which Cincinnati is the county seat, at a recent meeting unanimously endorsed Gov. Harmon for president. This is the Democratic organization which assisted Mayor-elect Henry T. Hunt to defeat the city ticket put forth by the notorious Republican Boss, Geo. B. Cox. Cincinnati is normally 15,000 Republican, and the Democrats, assisted by personal efforts by Gov. Harmon, won despite an endorsement which Pres. Taft gave to the Republican ticket. Pres. Taft and Gov. Harmon are both citizens of Cincinnati.

The Enquirer Cincinnati, (Ohio) carried the following report of the meeting:

"A special meeting of the Hamilton County Democratic Central Committee held at the Grand Hotel, endorsed Gov. Judson Harmon as the Democratic candidate for president, and promised him the undivided support of the party in this county. All but 3 of the 45 committeemen were present, with Chairman George Dwyer and Secretary Clinton Collins at their post.

"The resolution endorsing Governor Harmon reads as follows: 'Be It Resolved by the Democratic Central Committee of the City of Cincinnati and of Hamilton County, O., that we heartily endorse the candidacy of Judson Harmon for President of the United States.

"The exposure of the former unbusinesslike, rotten and fraudulent methods at the Capitol of the state of Ohio and their reform; the establishment of a state tax commission, and the compelling of the public service and other corporations to pay taxes upon the actual value of their properties, the reduction of taxes from rates averaging 2 1/2 per cent to a uniform 1 per cent throughout Ohio; the establishment of a public utilities commission; the non-partisan election of the judiciary; the nomination of U. S. senators by direct vote of the people; the establishment of the initiative and referendum in all municipalities; the enactment of a law providing for the compensation of injured employees, regardless of the question of negligence, by a state fund subscribed to by employers and employees; the non-partisan state constitutional convention; the limiting of the working hours for women; the establishment of a women's reformatory; the teaching of agriculture in the schools; the strict regulation of elections, and the prevention of corrupt practices and the ratification of the proposed income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution.

"We submit the foregoing as a record of administrative and legislative accomplishment rarely equaled in the annals of this or any other state. We also recall with pride the record of Judson Harmon as lawyer, Attorney-General of the United States and private citizen.

"When to the foregoing is added the fact that he has carried the state of Ohio on plain Jeffersonian Democratic principles in two elections, at the second of which he received the largest majority ever accorded a Democrat in the State of Ohio, we confidently claim that he is not only the logical but the ideal Democratic candidate for President."

TABERNACLE WILL OPEN

The Salvation Army Tabernacle will be ready for the opening exercises on January 22. For several days during the week special meetings will be held and addresses made by the different pastors of Clifton.

ARIZONA ASSESSORS IN CONVENTION AT BISBEE

California Plan Endorsed For Assessment of Railroads in Arizona and Bill Will Be Presented to The Legislature

INCREASE IN BULLION TAX

Legislative Committee Will Be on Hand When First State Legislature Meets.

The Assessors of Arizona, as many of them as could attend, held their second annual convention in Bisbee this week. Jas. H. Kerby, Assessor of Greenlee County, was in attendance for three days, returning home on Thursday evening. Mr. Kerby reports a very successful meeting in point of attendance and interest manifested by the members of the convention to secure legislation in the new state which would insure a uniform method of assessment and taxation.

The next annual meeting will be held at Yuma on the second Monday in January, 1913. Yuma extended an invitation to the assessors to meet in that city, through the Yuma county representative at the meeting, A. B. Ming. The invitation carried with it the promise of automobiles for the use of the assessors, a banquet, and a hall in which to hold their sessions. Mr. Ming wired the Yuma chamber of commerce last night of the association's acceptance of the invitation.

Bullion Tax

John J. Birdno, assessor of Graham County, secured the adoption of a resolution which called for an increase of from 25 per cent to 40 per cent on the gross production of producing mines. The present valuation is placed at 25 per cent. This resolution was adopted only Mr. Campbell voting against it. Mr. Campbell himself had offered a resolution providing for taxing the net production of this class of mines, and he made a lengthy address in support of his plan.

The Birdno resolution is practically the same as that passed at the 1910 meeting of the assessors at Phoenix, but no legislation has met since that time, so the resolution was renewed. The resolution on the valuation of railroad property embodied a recommendation to the legislature to fix the valuation on this class of property on the gross income, leaving the percentage to be stipulated by the legislature. The resolution was referred to the committee on legislative revision which will frame a bill and submit it to the legislature.

Mr. Howe, of Cochise, offered a resolution reducing the minimum valuation of non-producing patented mines from \$35 per acre to \$5 an acre and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Howe's action was a renewal of a fight he made last year and lost. In the 1910 meeting of the association he offered the same amendment, but it was voted down. Acting independently, Mr. Howe made his minimum assessment on this class of property at \$5, but it was raised by the state board of equalization to \$35. The Howe resolution divides this class of property into two classes Class A and Class B. Class A to be assessed at \$5. A resolution memorializing the state legislature to exempt personal property to the amount of \$100 for the benefit of heads or families whose personal property holdings do not exceed that amount, was passed. In the last meeting a resolution exempting \$200 of personal property from taxation was lost. In New Mexico the personal property exemption is \$200.

Before adjourning, President Campbell appointed a legislative revision committee, composed of the officers of the association and five other members. This committee will be at Phoenix when the first state legislature convenes and will work for the passage of the measures that it has recommended, one of the most important ones being the creation of a state tax commission.

The committee named by President Campbell to frame bills for submission to the legislature is composed of the officers, President Campbell Vice President Truman and Secretary Hughes and W. G. Duncan, of Gila; A. B. Ming, of Yuma; W. F. Williams of Navajo; J. H. Kerby, of Greenlee; T. Bone, of Maricopa. The association began its sessions at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the council chamber with the following present: Thomas E. Campbell, of Yavapai county; Chas. R. Howe, of Cochise; R. E. Merritt of Gila, Frank L. Hunt, of Mohave; W. F. Williams Navajo; A. A. Dougherty, of Santa Cruz, B. A. Cameron, of Coconino; John J. Birdno, of Graham.

Assessors-elect who were present and made members of the association on motion of Mr. Birdno, were George E. Truman of Pinal; A. B. Ming, of Yuma; D. D. Phillips, of Graham; J. H. Kerby of Greenlee, E. A. Hughes of Cochise, J. M. Webster, treasurer of Greenlee county was also present.

In his annual report, given orally to the meeting, President Campbell lauded the sincerity and honesty of the members of the organization and

claimed credit for the association for the advancement of the tax rolls by approximately fourteen million dollars. All increases of assessment, he said, redounded to the credit of the organization in a double measure because of apparent opposition on the part of certain members of the state board of assessment to increase on certain classes of property.

Kerby of Greenlee favored making assessments at the actual cash value of property and also expressed commendation of Campbell's state tax commission plan.

Chas. R. Howe, of Cochise, took issue with the sentiment expressed at a recent meeting of democrats that the legislature should do nothing in its first session except "carry out its program" as imposed by the state constitution, and suggested that the assessors prepare bills to cover its own recommendations to that body and if necessary lobby for their passage.

The first matter taken up when the meeting convened for the afternoon session on Tuesday was the valuation of range cattle and Mr. Campbell resigned the chair to Mr. Cameron in order that he might address the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Birdno the valuation of range cattle was raised from \$10 to \$12.50. Mr. Campbell attempted to secure a higher valuation. The majority of the members, however, were of the opinion that the raise of two dollars and a half per head was sufficient. Mr. Campbell favored an increase of the minimum valuation by fifty per cent.

HUNT FILES LIST OF STATE CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Injects a Little Humor Into The Matter and Says Total Amount Cash Expended Amounted To \$1,084

Hon. Geo. W. P. Hunt, governor-elect of the State of Arizona has filed his statement of campaign expenses with the secretary of the territory.

The future governor injects a little dry humor into his statement of his pro rata share of the last few days of the campaign of the Ashurst party saying this contribution was made because "the state central committee was broke."

The statement in detail follows:

Globe, Ariz., Jan. 8, 1912. Hon. George U. Young, Secretary of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir: Complying with Section 66 of the Penal Code of Arizona, I have the honor herewith to transmit and file my expense account incurred in the late election, from the close of the primaries until December 12, 1911. To the best of my recollection it was somewhat less than the amount filed, but it is as accurate as possible under the circumstances, as I sometimes failed to note down expenses, depending upon my memory afterwards.

Two mileage books at \$90; \$180; assessment to state committee, \$400; K. St. Charles for publishing ticket, \$10; Arizona Gazette for subscription to be sent as per names submitted for 3 months, \$134; assessment to Gila county democratic committee, \$50; stenographer, \$60; my pro rata share of last few days campaign of Ashurst party, owing to state central committee being broke, \$50; cash for hotels, meals, telegrams, autos, stockholders, incidentals, \$200; total amount \$1,084. GEO. W. P. HUNT.

WILL BREAK GROUND MONDAY

The announcement is made that ground will be broken on the site for the new smelter of the A. C. Co. on Monday next and from that time on there will be no cessation of the work until the two million dollar reduction plant is ready to be blown in. Dr. L. D. Ricketts, consulting engineer for the company, who has recently returned from Edinburgh, Scotland, was in the district for two days this week going over details with General Manager Carmichael. The actual commencement of operations will mark the beginning of a new era of prosperity for the Clifton-Morenci district and with the present price of copper already there is a better condition than existed in mining circles. The year 1912 promises to be a prosperous one for the entire district.

GOOD REPORTS FROM EAGLE CO.

Good reports from the operations of the Eagle Gold & Copper Co. are being received by local stockholders. The Eagle Gold & Copper Co. is the successor of the old Gold Belt Co. and the new company has secured the services of Wm. McCoy, for several years, mine foreman at the Shannon. Mr. McCoy has a force of men engaged in clearing out the old workings and overhauling the mill preparatory to starting up within thirty days. Under the management of Mr. McCoy those familiar with the property are confident that the Eagle Gold & Copper Co. will be a revenue producer.

LEAVES FOR GLEESON

H. B. Loyd, who has been connected with the mine office of the Shannon Copper Co., has been transferred to the office of the Leonard Copper Co. at Gleson and left for his new location last week.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES SEND DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON

Gila, Graham and Greenlee United in Effort to Maintain Southern Route Across Arizona as Part of Ocean to Ocean Highway

POTTER OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Northern Arizona Will Also Have Representative On Ground To Urge the Northern Route.

Notwithstanding the decision reached by representatives of Arizona, California and New Mexico, assembled in convention at Phoenix recently, that the route across Arizona for the Ocean to Ocean Highway should be fixed via Springerville, Clifton, Solomonville, San Carlos and Globe, citizens of Northern Arizona have not abandoned their efforts to secure Federal recognition in favor of the Northern Arizona Route via the Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon, thence to Prescott.

In the City of Washington next week will be held a convention of delegates from each state known as "The Federal Aid" convention. This convention will prepare and lobby for the passage of a bill the purpose of which is to secure federal aid for the construction of the National Highway through the United States where the highway crosses National Reserves and Indian reservations. The counties of Northern Arizona have appointed J. B. Girard as a delegate to the convention and have raised a thousand dollars to defray his expenses in his effort to have the bill so drawn that the route through Arizona would be designated along the Santa Fe railway via Grand Canyon and Prescott.

When this effort on the part of Northern Arizona became known Dell M. Potter, of Clifton, who takes a lively interest in Good Roads, communicated with the Chamber of Commerce of Globe, the Board of Supervisors of Graham and the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County. A meeting was immediately called in Globe and the sum of \$200 appropriated by the Commissioners of Immigration from the Immigration fund to help defray the expenses of Mr. Potter to the convention in Washington. The Board of Supervisors in Graham County took similar action and the matter will be taken up by the Board in Greenlee County at their meeting next Monday.

In answer to the unanimous demands from Gila and Graham counties that Mr. Potter attend the meeting in Washington, he left Clifton Thursday morning and will be on hand to present the demands of the southern counties in Arizona in favor of what is known as the Southern route.

COUNTING VOTES IN LEISURELY MANNER

No Disposition on the Part of Canvassing Board at Phoenix to Hurry Statehood For Arizona.

With Chief Justice Kent eager to proceed as fast as possible, Secretary Young showing no disposition to make haste and Governor Sloan utterly indifferent, the canvass of votes cast December 12, is proceeding rather slowly at the capitol building, the prospect being that it cannot be completed before January 25.

Judge Kent spends a large part of his time with the clerks and frequently relieves them. Governor Sloan and Secretary Young are occasionally present but seldom do they show any disposition to count any of the votes.

Six hours has been fixed as a working day, and in this connection they are talking of an interesting conversation between Judge Kent and Secretary Young, which indicates in a measure the different desires of the two men.

As the hour of 4 o'clock approached, Secretary Young suggested that the work for the day end. Judge Kent replied that it might be well to work overtime and finish up the county on which the clerks were checking.

"I can't leave here and have my office open with all these records lying around," declared Young.

"We will be responsible for them," replied Kent.

"But if I go and leave you here working people will think it is funny if they see me on the street," complained Young.

"I guess they will not think you

have committed any wrong if they see the governor on the street, too," said Kent and the incident closed.

Based on the completion of the canvass on January 25, it is not probable that Arizona will be a state before about February 5th, if not later.

The longer the count, the longer will be the terms of Governor Sloan, Secretary Young and Chief Justice Kent.

PHOENIX, Jan. 10.—Several contests have been filed by candidates defeated in the general election held on December 12. George U. Young, secretary of the territory, said this morning that the canvassing board—which is composed of Secretary Young, Judge Kent and Governor Sloan—had chosen Tuesday, January 16, as the day on which the contest will be heard by the board.

Secretary Young has mailed notices to the candidates who are involved in the contests and they will be in Phoenix next Tuesday to present their cases to the board. How far the jurisdiction of the board extends in the question of contested elections has not been definitely ascertained. Secretary Young, however, wishes to comply in every way with the intent of election ordinance No. 2, and to reduce to documentary evidence any contests that may be filed.

Contests from three counties have been filed with the canvassing board. They are Greenlee, for the senatorship; Coconino, district attorney, and Santa Cruz, county treasurer. It has been rumored that Fred Coalter would file a contest against Lorenzo Hubbell for state senator from Apache. The contest papers have not yet reached the canvassing board.

Of 350 precincts the canvassing board has now checked the vote of sixty-three, completing the counties of Apache, Cochise, and Coconino. Gila will probably be the next county to be canvassed. The board is making good progress with the count, though it has been hampered by the work of drawing the tables on which the canvassed vote must be placed.

This is a bigger job than the canvassing of the vote. There must be drawn a table for each precinct in each county and it is necessary to make several blue print copies. After the precincts are tabulated the vote by counties will be transferred to a table that will show the complete vote of the state. Because of the contests it is probable that the time required to canvass the count will be extended a few days, but it is believed the task will be completed by January 20.

CITIZENS OF GAN FILE A PROTEST

Ask the Board to Appoint a Competent Engineer to Inspect the New Road Before Any Money is Paid

Following is a copy of a protest filed with the Board of Supervisors this week and signed by citizens of Duncan.

Duncan, Greenlee County, Arizona Jan. 10, 1912 To the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County, Clifton, Arizona.

Gentlemen,

The undersigned, as taxpayers of this County, enter our protest against the payment of any money to the contractor of the new road that is being made between York Flat and Duncan, made between York Flat and Duncan, until it shall have been inspected and certified to by the County or some other competent engineer, who will be capable of deciding whether the work has been done in compliance with the specifications that the contract was advertised under and presumably let.

We understand that all fills have been made, and where culverts are to go, the contractor claims he has completed his contract, and the culverts that have been ordered by your Board for this road are still to be put in.

We believe that it is your intention to give the County its money's worth in the construction of this road, but unless it is received by a competent person, several thousand dollars of the taxpayers' money will be thrown to the birds, and we believe that every County official connected with the transaction will be liable to the County on his official bond.

Respectfully,
B. R. LANNEAU,
J. L. T. WATERS,
E. W. TAYLOR,
W. M. CLARK,
L. B. STEPHENS,
I. W. ELLEDGE,
J. C. TYLER,
J. CRAIG WATT,
W. T. SANDERS,
W. D. M'KEHAN.

METCALF RETURNS MISSING

A letter received by Clerk of the Board Wheatley from Secretary of the Territory Geo. U. Young, states that the election returns from Metcalf precinct have not been received at the office of the Secretary. The returns from Metcalf were mailed from that precinct on December 13, and if they are not discovered in the office of the Secretary, they were lost in transit.